

A map of the Middle East with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The surrounding regions are in a light tan color, and the Persian Gulf is shown in light blue.

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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This report provides weekly updates in the seven key areas identified as pillars of US government policy in Iraq.

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Highlights

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1. Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents

- A senior Abu Musab al-Zarqawi lieutenant and Al Qaeda military leader in Iraq was killed during a series of Coalition raids in western Iraq October 15.

2. Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance

- On October 10-12, security provided by the Iraqi Army and Police made possible the medical treatment of more than 800 men, women and children by a Coalition medical assistance team in three villages north of Tal 'Afar.

3. Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

- Iraq's landmark constitution was adopted by a majority of voters during the country's October 15 referendum. The constitution is considered another major step in the country's democratic transformation, clearing the way for the election of a new Iraqi parliament on December 15 and formation of a four-year government under the constitution.

4. Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services

- An electric plant in northeastern Ninewa is running again for the first time in several years. The newly-refurbished plant will produce enough electric power to serve approximately 49,720 Iraqi homes or businesses in the area and will add 55 megawatts to the national grid.



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5. Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

- The Iraq Stock Exchange (ISX) has begun institutional reforms. Two grants from the Izdihar project will help the ISX expand services beyond Baghdad and assist the Iraq Central Securities Depository as it becomes an independent organization.

6. Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law

- The first trial of Saddam Hussein commenced on October 19 in the Higher Criminal Court of Iraq, formerly known as the Iraqi Special Tribunal.

7. Increase International Support for Iraq

- US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in opening remarks to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on October 19, stressed the importance of the Iraqi Government forging “more effective partnerships with foreign governments.”

8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

- Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, outlining the US government strategy as “with the Iraqi government, our political-military strategy has to be to clear, hold and build: to clear areas from insurgent control, to hold them securely, and to build durable, national Iraqi institutions.”



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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Ramadi-Based Zarqawi Lieutenant Killed:

- A senior Abu Musab al-Zarqawi lieutenant and Al Qaeda military leader in Iraq was killed during a series of Coalition raids in western Iraq October 15. At least 12 terrorists were killed during the raids. Recently captured detainees identified one of the dead terrorists as Sa'ad Ali Firas Muntar al Dulaymi (aka Abu Abdullah). Intelligence sources indicate that Sa'ad Ali Firas was highly regarded by many senior Al Qaeda in Iraq terrorists, to include Zarqawi himself. Sa'ad Ali Firas facilitated high-level meetings in Ramadi and Fallujah, where senior-level terrorists gathered to discuss strategy and ongoing operations.
 - Sa'ad Ali Firas quickly ascended the ranks and supposedly worked with Zarqawi's lieutenant, Abu-Qutaiba, in a vehicle smuggling network originating in Jazirah, near Fallujah, prior to Qutaiba's capture by Coalition forces. Sa'ad Ali Firas then ran his own smuggling organization funding bomb making operations in the Fallujah and Ramadi areas. Sa'ad Ali Firas was chiefly responsible for planning and executing all terrorist attacks on Iraqi and Coalition forces in the Ramadi and Fallujah areas.



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Huge Weapons Caches Discovered Near Euphrates River:

- Multi-National Forces from 172nd Infantry Brigade (Stryker Brigade Combat Team) uncovered 10 weapons caches and detained 16 suspected terrorists during two operations in northern Iraq October 17-18. The caches included over 1300 various artillery and mortar rounds, mortar tubes, various rockets, and rocket launchers, rocket propelled grenade launchers with more than 100 rounds, over 50,000 rounds of small arms and machine gun ammunition, machine guns, assault and sniper rifles, 800 point detonating fuses, several feet of detonation cord and timed fuse, 80 pounds of TNT, several sticks of PE-4, landmines, fragmentation grenades, blasting caps, 100 kilogram fragmentation bombs, and various projectiles.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Civilian Police Assistance Training Team Welcomes New Leader:

- The reins that guide the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team (CPATT) of the Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq (MNSTC-I) were passed on to a new leader October 17. US Army Major General Joseph Peterson took charge of CPATT from US Army Major General Joseph Fil in a ceremony at the Adnan Palace in the International Zone. A number of high-ranking Iraqi officials, Coalition military officers and civilian police officers attended the event.

Iraqi Forces Provide Security for Medical Mission:

- On October 10-12, security provided by the Iraqi Army and Police made possible the medical treatment of more than 800 men, women and children by a Coalition medical assistance team in three villages north of Tal 'Afar. Additionally, Iraqi Army and Police forces allowed a veterinarian team to treat nearly 500 sheep, goats, cows and chickens in these villages.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Data as of October 24, 2005

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~71,900
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~35,600
TOTAL	~107,500*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~98,100
AIR FORCE	~200
NAVY	~700
TOTAL	~99,000**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:
~206,500

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are not included in these numbers



[3.0] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

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Elections Update:

- Iraq's landmark constitution was adopted by a majority of voters during the country's October 15 referendum. The constitution is considered another major step in the country's democratic transformation, clearing the way for the election of a new Iraqi parliament on December 15 and formation of a four-year government under the constitution.
- Results released by the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) showed that 78 percent of voters backed the charter and 21 percent opposed it. "No" votes exceeded two-thirds only in two provinces, with 82 percent voting "no" in Salah ad Din and 97 percent voting "no" in Anbar. In Ninevah, a key swing province, 55 percent voted "no" representing a simple majority, but below the two-thirds threshold necessary to defeat the constitution.
- The IECI reported that approximately 63 percent of Iraq's 15.5 million registered voters cast ballots.
- Mr. Adel Al-Lami, the Chief Electoral Officer, announced that the total amount of electoral representatives registered to monitor the referendum reached over 177,000 including more than 120,000 political entity agents, 57,000 observers and 500 political parties and civil society organizations. The vast participation demonstrates the transparency of the process and the scope of the implementation of the rules and regulations, said Mr. Al-Lami.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

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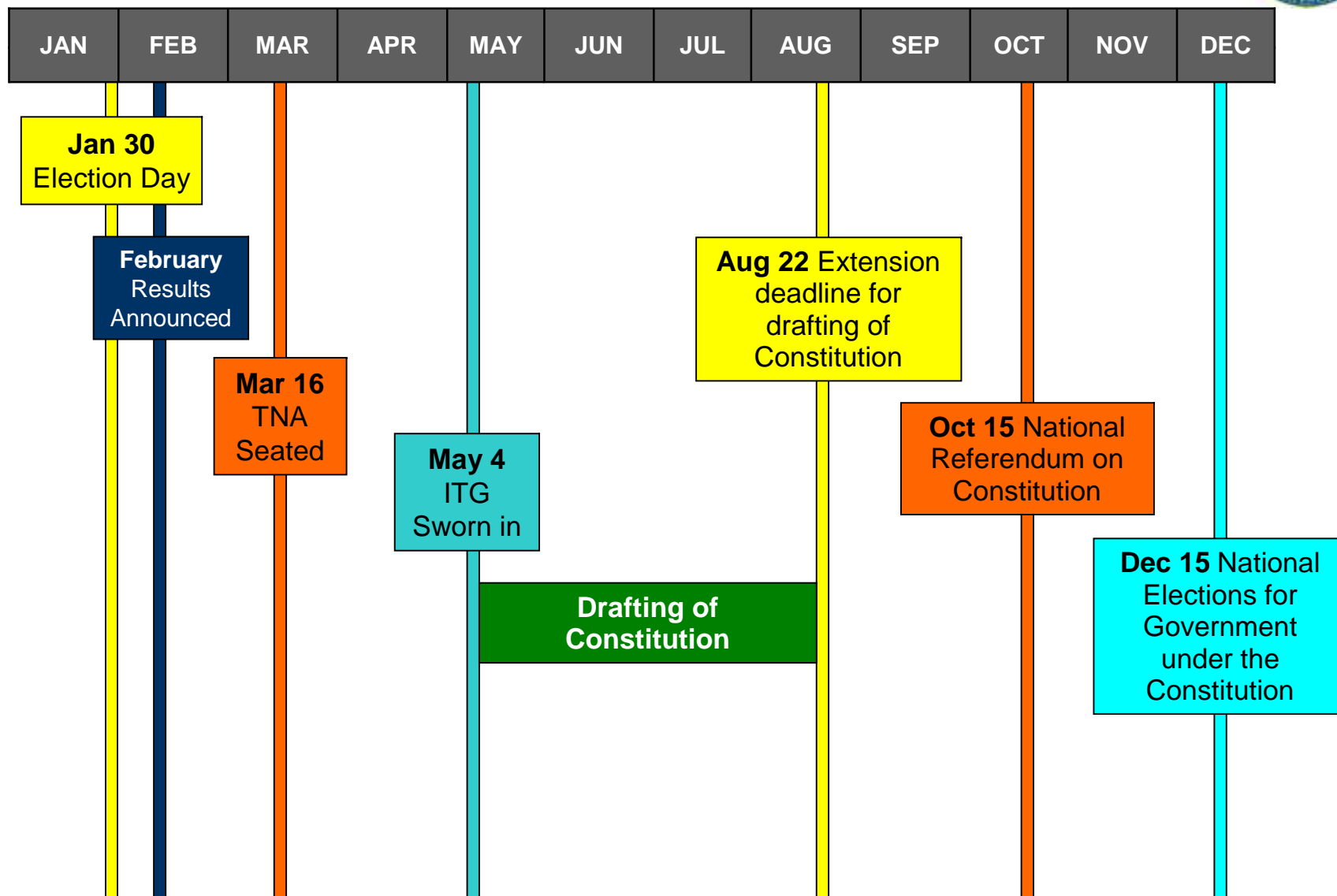
The Continuing Transitional Political Process:

Iraq's transitional political process is set down by the Transitional Administrative Law (TAL).

- The TNA and Iraqi Transitional Government (ITG) will continue to serve as Iraq's national legislature and executive, respectively, until the election of a new government.
- With the constitution approved in the referendum, a national election for the first legislature under the constitution is to be held by December 15.
- A government under the constitution is to take office by December 31.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Electoral Process Timeline**

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[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi Transitional Government

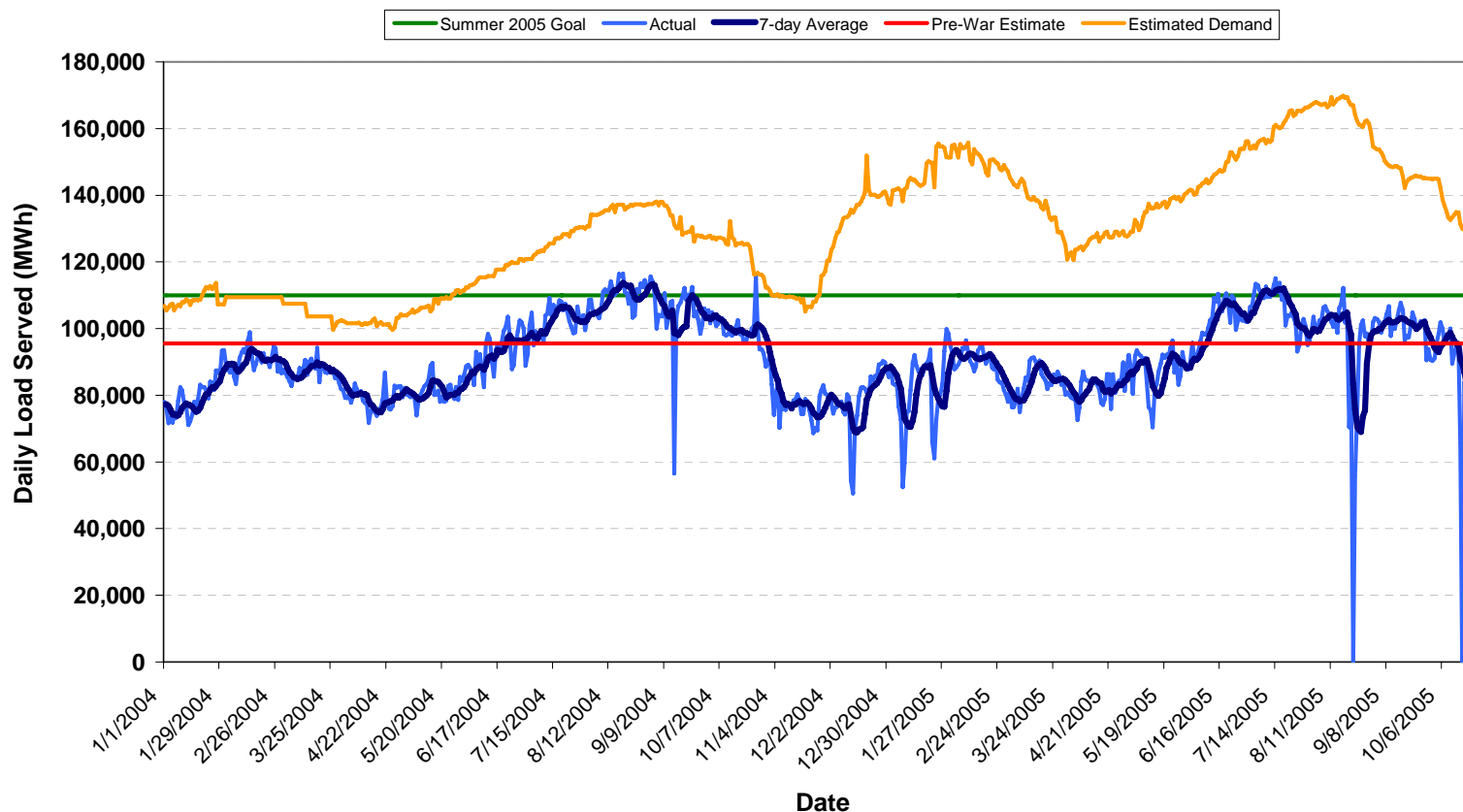
		Deputy President Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
			Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Ja'fari		
Deputy Prime Minister Rawsh Shaways	Deputy Prime Minister 'Abd Mutlak al-Juburi			Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad al-Chalabi	Deputy Prime Minister Vacant
Minister of Agriculture Ali al-Bahadili	Minister of Communications Juwan Fu'ad Ma'sum (F)	Minister of Culture Nuri al-Rawi	Minister of Defense Sa'dun al-Dulaymi	Minister of Displacement & Migration Suhayla al-Kinani (F)	Minister of Electricity Muhsin Shallash
Minister of Education Abdul Mun'im al-Falah Hasan	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance 'Ali 'Allawi	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshiyar Zebari	Minister of Health Abd al-Muttalib al-Rubay'i	Minister of Higher Education Sami al-Muzaffar
Minister of Human Rights Vacant	Minister of Industry & Minerals Usama al-Najafi	Minister of Interior Bayan Jabr	Minister of Justice 'Abd al-Husayn Shandal	Minister of Housing & Construction Jasim Ja'far	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Idris Hadi
Minister of Oil Ibrahim Bahr al-'Ulum	Minister of Planning Barham Salih	Minister of Trade 'Abd al-Basit Mawlut	Minister of Science & Technology Basima Butrus (F)	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Nasreen Berwari (F)	Minister of Transportation Salam al-Maliki
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Talib Aziz al-Zaini	Minister of State for Civil Society 'Ala' abib Kazim	Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Safa' al-Din al-Safi	Minister of State for National Security Affairs 'Abd al-Karim al-'Anzi	
		Minister of State for Provinces Sa'd al-Hardan	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities Hashim al-Hashimi	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Azhar al-Shaykhli (F)	

(F) = Female



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Iraq's electricity situation improved in the last week with increasing generation and decreasing demand levels.
- Average daily electricity service increased last week (October 18-24) to 86,100 Megawatts hour.
- Baghdad average available electricity increased to 7.7 hours per day. The national average was 13.9 hours per day.



[4.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity, Water and Sanitation**

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Electricity:

- In April 2004, the Project and Contracting Office (PCO) started shifting smaller electricity projects such as 11-33 kilovolt substations, to Iraqi contractors. This “Rapid Contracting Initiative” allows projects to be completed faster, cheaper and safer. To date, 60 projects have been completed and about 200 Rapid Contracting Initiative projects have been awarded.

Water and Sanitation:

- Construction is underway on the \$2 million project to put in 19 water compact units in 9 Nissan, in Baghdad Province. Each of the 19 units will have the capacity to produce 15,000 liters of potable, clean water daily. About 300,000 people will benefit from this project, which is an addition to an already existing \$2.8 million contract to install 27 water compact units in Sadr City. The modified contract amount is now \$4.8 million.
- PCO has completed 94 water treatment projects to date and has 85 more underway. Under the Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program (AIRP), 51 water treatment projects have been completed and there are a further four under construction. The majority of these projects are awarded directly to local contractors and local water authorities.
- Over 15,650 houses have recently been connected to the Baghdad Water Distribution System by USAID. In all, nearly 100 kilometers of main line pipe have been installed in the Baghdad area. The dismantling of the old concrete–asbestos distribution mains from the newly installed network will begin shortly.



[4.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Health Care**

Health Care:

- Test results taken from a farm in Erbil indicate that the recent large number of poultry deaths in the northern provinces resulted from the H9 strain of avian influenza, and not the dangerous H5N1 strain which can be transmitted from birds to humans. The Government of Iraq (GOI) is developing a strategic plan to address avian influenza, performing a media education campaign and seeking reports of any abnormal bird and poultry situations. The GOI has suspended the importation of poultry products from other countries. In addition, the GOI is prohibiting the hunting and consumption of migratory birds and the transporting of these birds between provinces.
- Construction is underway on 17 hospital projects in Iraq and five have been completed.
- Several medical facilities in Baghdad (the general hospital, pediatric hospital, laboratories, tuberculosis center, and the blood transfusion center) will benefit from the recent delivery of equipment on the open distribution list. The Targeted Nutrition Program (TNP) supplied the MoH with four pick up trucks to improve operational capacity, and 300 infant length/height measuring boards for growth assessment activities in primary health centers.



[4.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Telecommunication, Transportation and Education**

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Telecommunications

- The Consolidated Fiber Network project, in support of the remote control system for the electricity network, has completed site assessments. Construction has begun in southern Iraq and in Baghdad. Once completed, the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity will be able to obtain operating data and control equipment in up to 48 locations.

Transportation:

- A \$440,000 road project is complete in Al Haweer, Basrah Governorate. The project was designed to improve and pave a 3.3 km winding dirt road in a congested neighborhood. The road also includes five culvert pipes passing water for local farm use. The local community of 25,000 residents benefit from a safer, reliable, paved road to schools, water treatment plant and other community services. PCO has completed construction of 127 km of the planned 424 km of village roads.

Education:

- PCO has completed 746 out of 840 schools renovations projects to date and a further 48 are under construction. Under AIRP, an additional 24 school renovations have been completed.

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2



Data as of October 26, 2005

\$Millions Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	5017.6000	5017.6	4,962.9	4,962.1	(0.85)	4,661.5	4,680.3	18.80	3,745.9	3,786.7	40.8
Electricity Sector	4314.8168	4067.2	3,668.0	3,755.5	87.55	2,773.4	2,801.6	28.21	1,576.7	1,611.3	34.6
Oil Infrastructure	1723.0000	1723.0	1,641.4	1,674.1	32.72	1,218.1	1,263.2	45.06	554.6	556.2	1.6
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	1247.1840	1247.2	1,171.7	1,173.9	2.13	1,059.5	1,061.2	1.63	586.5	588.2	1.6
Democracy	945.3160	945.3	931.8	931.7	(0.13)	931.7	931.5	(0.17)	576.9	577.9	0.9
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	363.0000	363.0	336.8	336.8	0.01	332.4	332.5	0.05	158.4	158.7	0.2
Roads, Bridges and Construction	333.7143	333.7	276.6	276.7	0.13	245.4	245.5	0.15	144.2	146.5	2.3
Health Care	786.0000	786.0	779.0	779.0	0.00	617.7	617.6	(0.10)	251.8	268.3	16.5
Transportation and Communications	508.5081	508.5	490.6	490.6	0.00	418.7	418.8	0.12	181.3	182.9	1.6
Water Resources and Sanitation	2146.5832	1819.1	1,812.3	1,807.1	(5.11)	1,498.8	1,495.3	(3.52)	496.1	510.5	14.5
Private Sector Development	840.2776	840.3	793.5	793.5	0.00	782.1	782.3	0.19	515.5	525.6	10.1
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	213.0000	213.0	144.4	144.4	0.00	144.4	144.4	0.00	53.4	53.4	0.1
TOTAL	18,439.0000	17863.9	17,009.0	17,125.4	116.47	14,683.6	14,774.1	90.42	8,841.4	8,966.2	124.8
IRRF 2 Construction			9,875.7	9,968.1	92.43	7,995.6	8,063.9	68.36	4,309.0	4,395.8	86.8
IRRF 2 Non-Construction			6,201.4	6,225.6	24.17	5,756.4	5,778.7	22.23	3,955.5	3,992.5	37.0
IRRF 2 Democracy			931.8	931.7	(0.13)	931.7	931.5	(0.17)	576.9	577.9	0.9
IRRF 1 Subtotal	2,473.3000	2473.3	2,473.3	2473.30	0.00	2,473.3	2,473.3	0.00	2,406.6	2,406.6	0.0
Grand Total IRRF 1 & 2	20,912.3000	20337.2	19,482.3	19,598.7	116.47	17,156.9	17,247.4	90.42	11,248.0	11,372.8	124.8



[5.0] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending October 21 closed with the following prices:
 - Basra Light at \$48.32/barrel – Dated Brent at \$57.65/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$62.45/barrel – Oman/Dubai at \$53.34/barrel
 - Kirkuk Crude at \$53.48/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	32,287	31,092	-3.7%
USAID	51,777	55,937	8.0%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	1,642	1,642	0.0%
MILCON (Military Construction)	192	233	21.4%
CERP* (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	23,706	23,706	0.0%
MNSTC-I	21,220	15,119	-28.8%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	13,101	13,101	0.0%
GRAND TOTAL	143,925	140,830	-2.2%

*CERP numbers are from the latest GRD Situation Report

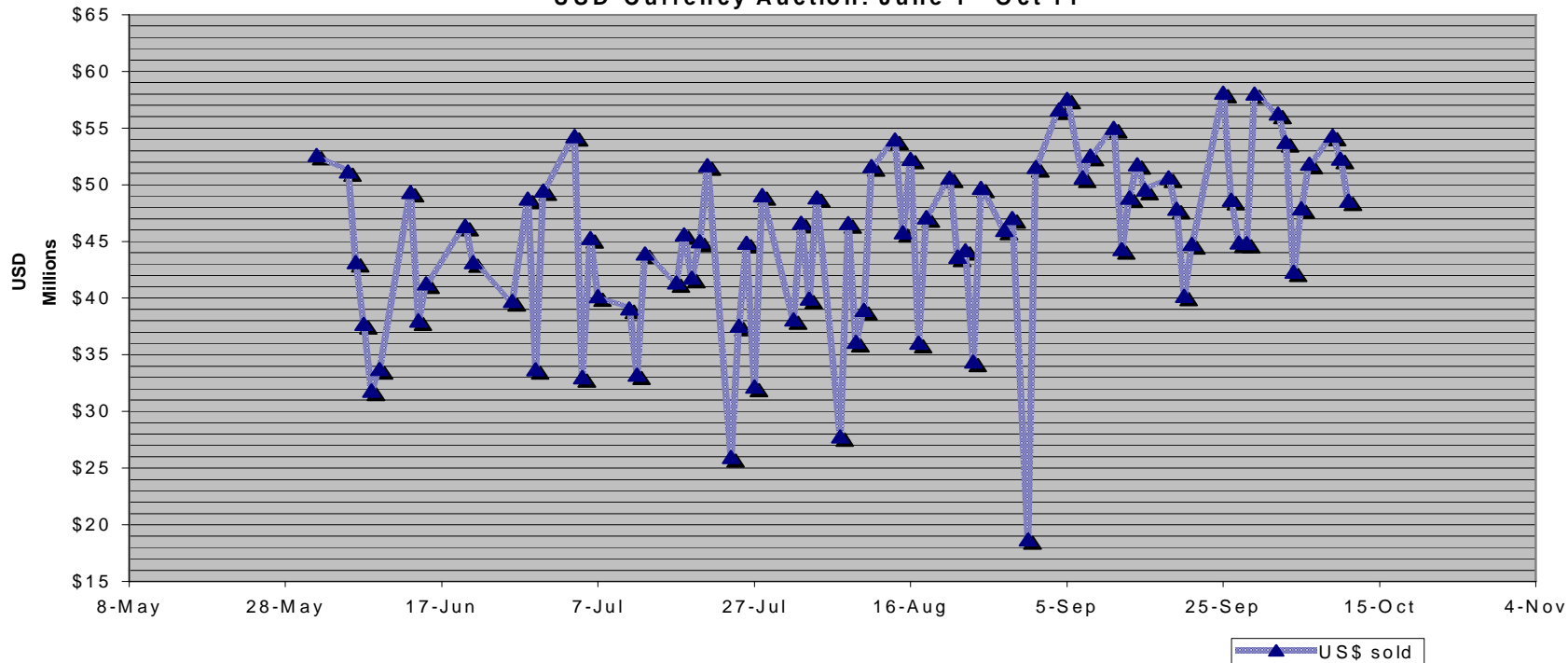


[5.0] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - **Banking Sector**

Central Bank's USD Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold/requested and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction from June 1 through October 24.
- The exchange rate remained stable the week ending October 20 at 1,470 dinars per USD. The daily average amount traded was \$50,432,000.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: June 1 - Oct 11





[5.0] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Exchanges

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Modernization of the Iraqi Stock Exchange:

- The Iraqi Stock Exchange (ISX) is being revamped to encourage private sector investment, both from within Iraq and internationally.

Iraqi Securities Exchange:

- The Ministry of Finance auctioned NID 200 billion (about \$136 million) in Treasury Bills (T-bills) on October 24; the settlement yield was 10 percent with seven banks offering winning bids. The following shows the results of the last five auctions:

No. of Auction	Date of Auction	Amount of Issue	Term of Security (in days)	Maturity Date	Number Competitive Bidders	Winning Bidders	Total Valid Competitive Bids	Total Competitive Awarded	Cover Ratio %	Bid Range Yields	Cut Off Yield
26	8/8/2005	171.000	91	11/8/2005	5	5	145.240	145.240	85.81	6.50%-10.50%	10.50%
27	8/29/2005	150.000	91	11/29/2005	4	4	158.500	148.500	100.00	7.00%-11.50%	10.50%
28	9/12/2005	200.000	91	12/13/2005	3	3	221.000	199.000	111.00	7.00%- 10.60%	9.50%
29	9/26/2005	150.000	91	12/27/2005	6	5	162.000	148.510	108.99	7.00%-10.50%	9.50%
30	10/11/2005	200.000	91	1/10/2006	5	5	220.000	199.030	110.48	7.50%- 10.50%	9.50%
31	10/24/2005	200.000	91	1/24/2006	7	7	197.000	197.000	100.00	7.00%- 10.00%	10.00%



[5.0] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy

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Stand-By Agreement progress:

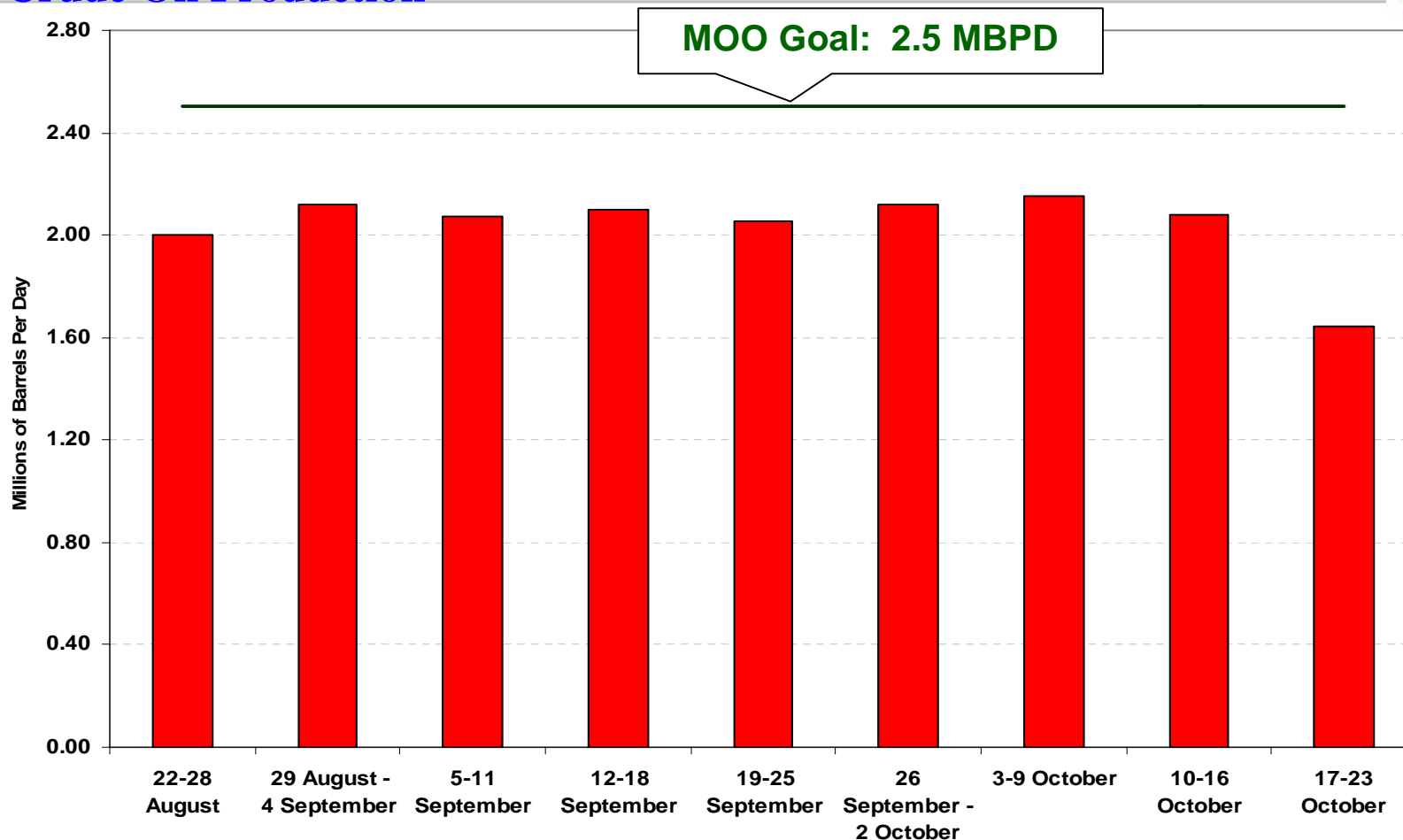
- The ITG and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreed on a draft Letter of Intent (LOI) on a Stand-By Agreement (SBA) during the October 17-22 meetings. The LOI must be approved by both the Iraqi cabinet and IMF senior management. IMF staff would use the LOI to develop a SBA program, which would likely be presented to the IMF Executive Board in December.

Iraqi Stock Exchange institutional reforms:

- The Iraq Stock Exchange (ISX) has begun institutional reforms. Two USAID grants will help the ISX expand services beyond Baghdad. The ISX is relocating to a new operations center in Baghdad, allowing the Exchange to automate its trading and expand its operations beyond Iraq's capital city to become a truly nationwide stock exchange. The grant of \$230,975 will provide building and IT support for the relocation. The ISX, the only organized securities market in Iraq, creates a forum for private sector investment and entrepreneurship in Iraq. The USAID grants will also assist the Iraq Central Securities Depository (ICSD) as it becomes an independent organization.



[4.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Production



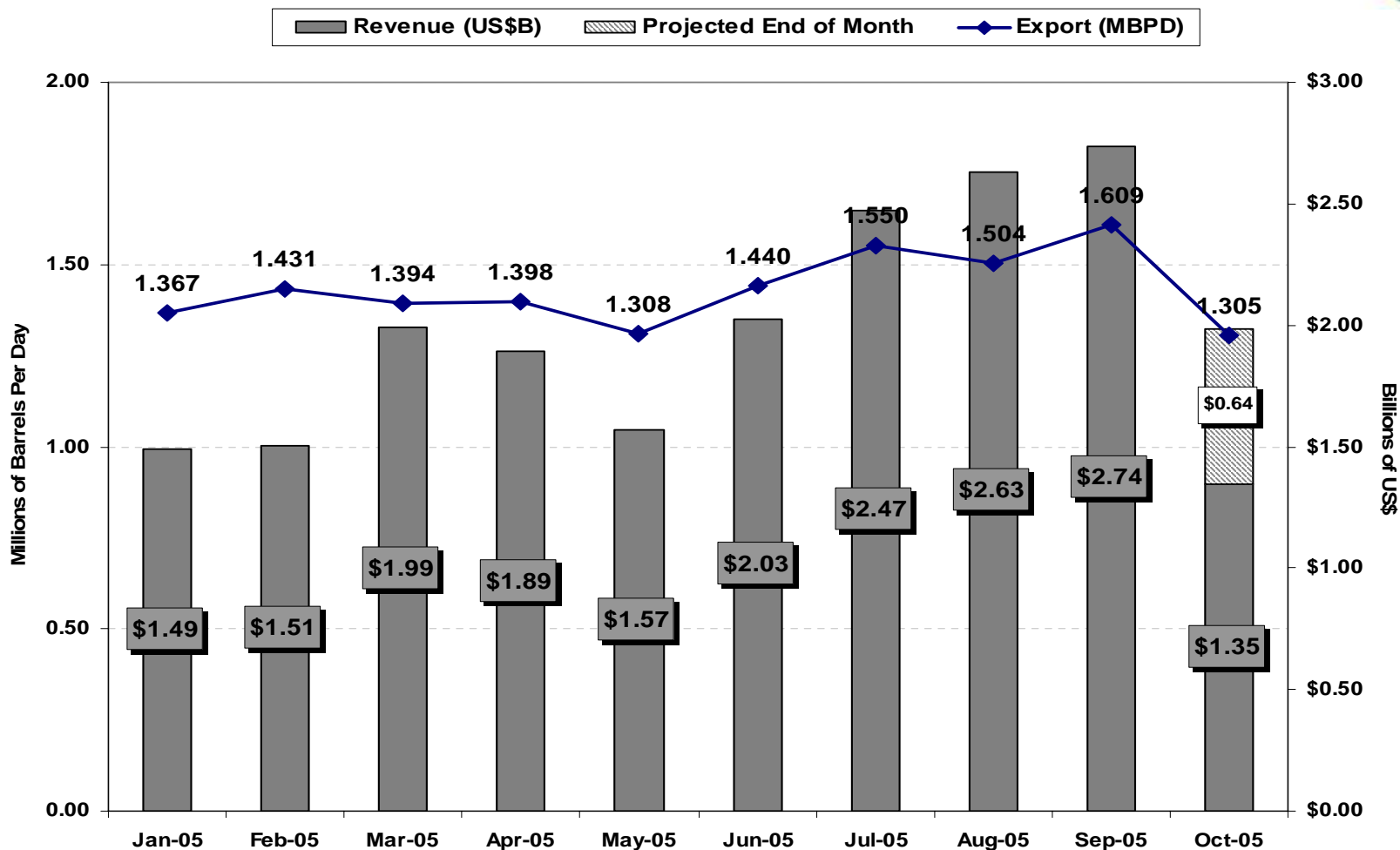
- Weekly Average (October 17-23) of 1.64 Million of Barrels Per Day (MBPD)
- Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in March 2003
- Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD

■ Production — Target



[4.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Crude Oil Export

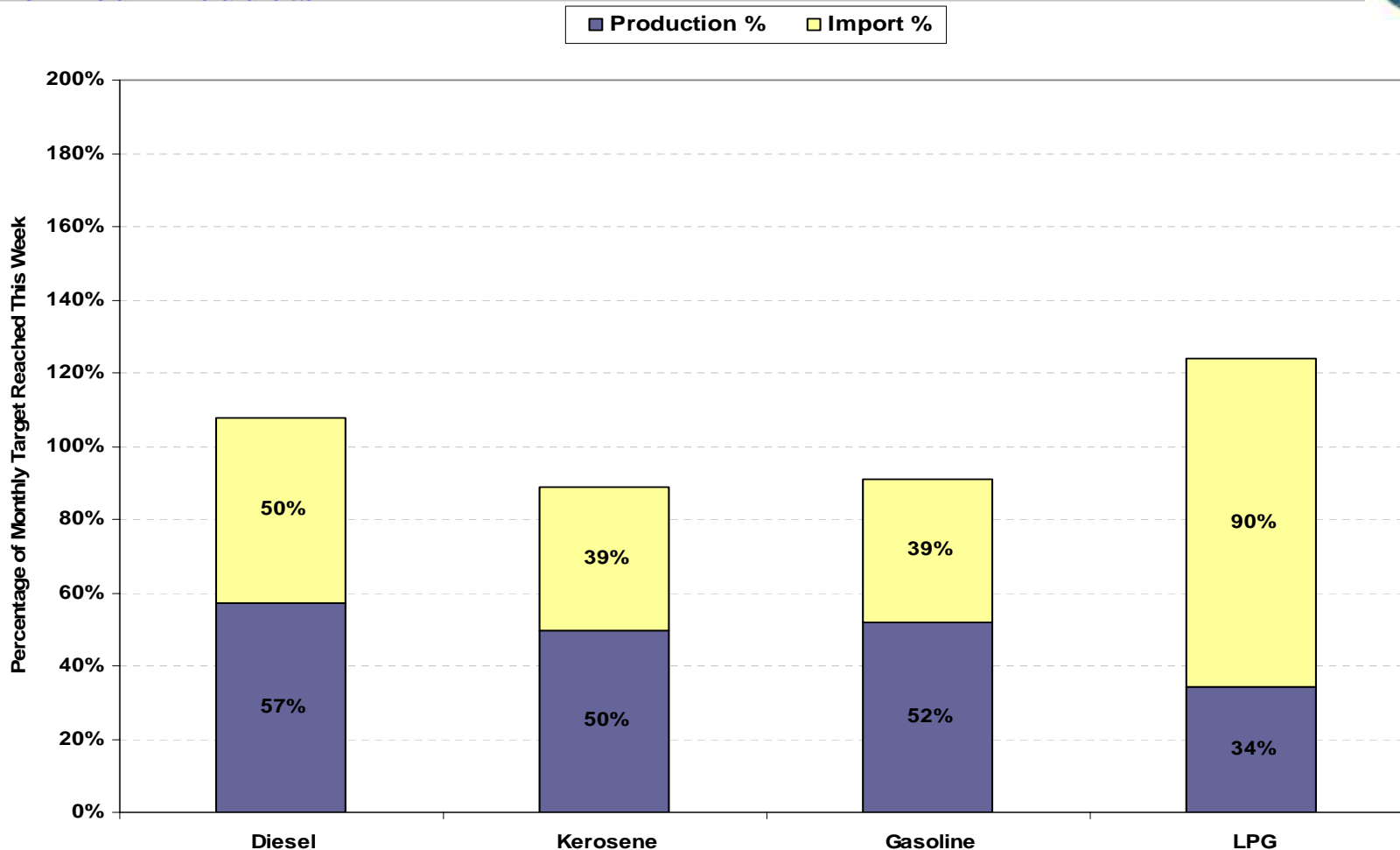
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- 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6 Millions
- 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3 M
- 2005 Revenue: \$19,660.1 M (cumulative for 2005)



[4.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Refined Products

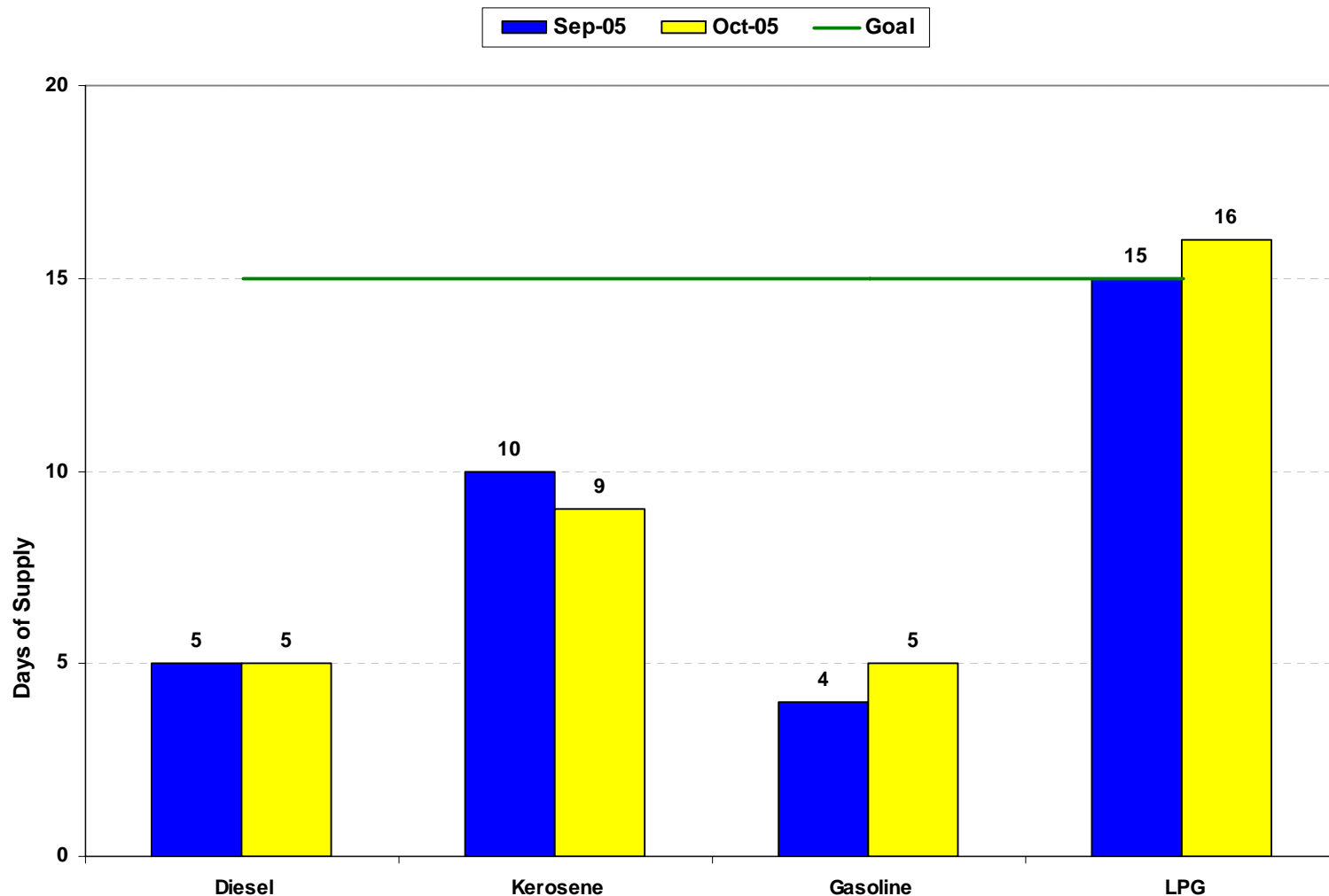
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Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of October 17-23

- Diesel: 19.4 Millions of Liters (ML) of 18 ML
- Kerosene: 9.4 ML of 10.6 ML
- Gasoline: 16.4 ML of 18 ML
- LPG: 5,335 tons of 4,300 tons



[4.0] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – National Stock Levels

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- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law – Iraqi Judicial System

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Saddam Trial Adjourned Until November 28:

- The first trial of Saddam Hussein commenced on October 19 in the Higher Criminal Court of Iraq (HCCI), formerly known as the Iraqi Special Tribunal. The charges relate to the Ba'athist regime's retribution for the 1982 assassination attempt on Saddam Hussein in the village of al Dujayl in Salahadin province. Saddam and his co-defendants face a number of charges, including crimes against humanity, for the mass arrests, extra-judicial killings, torture, enforced disappearances, and other severe deprivations of physical liberty in violation of international law. The proceedings were run in accordance with the HCCI statute and Iraqi criminal procedure law and were consistent with the civil law system employed in Iraq. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the court adjourned until November 28.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's Opening Remarks Before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee:

- US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in opening remarks to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on October 19, stressed the importance of the Iraqi Government forging “more effective partnerships with foreign governments, particularly in building their ministries and governmental capacity” and emphasized that “military support from the coalition must be matched by diplomatic, economic and political support from the entire international community.” Secretary Rice detailed steps to achieve these goals, as well as adding that “as Iraq chooses a permanent, constitutional government, it is time for Iraq’s neighbors to do more to help.”

European Union Biggest Donor for Iraq's Elections and Referendum:

- The European Commission will be providing 30 million Euro for the preparation of forthcoming elections in Iraq, bringing the total made available from the European Community Budget for Iraq's historic votes in 2005 to 80 million Euro. This makes the Commission the major international donor to the elections and constitutional referendum, which are the milestones of the current political transition in Iraq.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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UN's Humanitarian Activities in Iraq Quietly Save Lives:

- United Nations humanitarian relief activities are being carried out in Iraq below the media radar for security reasons, but these quiet efforts to provide clean water, sanitation, health services and education are achieving great results. UN assistance allowed for 4.9 million children to receive polio vaccinations, 1.2 million children to receive protein biscuits and six million school textbooks to be printed.

Macedonian Defense Minister Visits Troops in Iraq:

- Macedonian Defense Minister, Jovan Manasijevski, visited Macedonian soldiers deployed to Iraq on October 11. Minister Manasijevski spoke with soldiers, toured living quarters and held meetings with American Commanders. The Macedonian soldiers serve as a quick reaction force in Taji.

Mongolia, US Toast Strong Ties:

- US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld praised relations between the US and Mongolia and thanked the Mongolians for their contribution to the Coalition's security efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan while visiting the Mongolian capital of Ulan Bator on October 22.



[7.] Increase Int'l Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of October 24, 2005

29 Multi-National Forces – Iraq (MNF-I) Contributors (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Lithuania	Portugal
Armenia	Estonia	Macedonia	Romania
Australia	Georgia	Moldova	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Italy	Mongolia	Slovakia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Netherlands	South Korea
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Norway	Ukraine
Czech Republic	Latvia	Poland	UK
Denmark			

TOTAL ~ 22,000 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

30 Countries and NATO
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations



[8.0] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- On October 19 Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, outlining the US government strategy as “with the Iraqi government, our political-military strategy has to be to clear, hold and build: to clear areas from insurgent control, to hold them securely, and to build durable, national Iraqi institutions.”
 - The Secretary continued to build on President Bush’s five step plan of 2004, emphasizing the 2005 goal of transition in Iraq: “a security transition to greater reliance on Iraqi forces and a political transition to a permanent, constitutional democracy.”
 - For 2006, the US is preparing to help Iraqis as they move into a new government under a newly approved constitution.
- The Secretary also highlighted the enemy’s strategy “to infect, terrorize and pull down. They want to spread more fear, resentment and despair. They target foreigners and attack the Iraqi government. But the enemy strategy has a fatal flaw. The enemy has no positive vision for the future of Iraq. They offer no alternative that could unite Iraq as a nation. And that is why most Iraqis despise the insurgents.”



[8.0] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- The UN Secretary-General is pleased that the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq released the preliminary results of the referendum on the draft constitution this morning. He commends the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq for having organized the referendum under very difficult circumstances. The Iraqi people have made their decision and have approved the draft constitution. The Secretary-General commends the Iraqi people for this historic event, which he hopes will mark a milestone on Iraq's path to democracy. The high levels of voter turnout throughout the country and amongst all the main political constituencies are particularly encouraging.



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- There are several minor refineries (known as topping plants) dotted through the country: Kisik (Mosul), Qarrayah, Haditha, Tikrit, Nassiriyah, Maysan (Amarah), and Samawah. These primarily produce asphalt and low grade kerosene and diesel.
- The majority of Iraq's oil infrastructure is antiquated and in need of modernization.
- Domestically produced refined products (gasoline/benzene, diesel, kerosene, LPG) currently do not meet domestic demand because of sabotage to the pipeline infrastructure. Iraq will be dependent upon imports until the insurgents cease operations against oil pipelines.

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- For the 2004 revenue, this already deducts the 5% war reparations to Kuwait. If included in revenue, the total would be \$17.5B.**
- June 2005 increased once Northern Export data was processed into the calculation.**
- Al-Faw Terminals: Al-Basra Oil Terminal (ABOT) and Khor al-Amaya Oil Terminal (KAOT)
- Production and export are at normal rates.**
- Iraq-Turkey Pipeline (IT)
- The IT line works intermittently since the Iraqis sell the crude oil in lumps.**
- Iraq-Syria-Lebanon Pipeline (ISLP)
- This line has been closed since 2003.**
- Discussions were held between Iraqi and Syrian government officials, but no timetable has been set up to reopen this line.**
- In the meantime, Iraq has set up a barter arrangement in which it exports 14KBPD from the Ayn Zalah field to Syria for refined products and electrical production. This ended in August 2004.**
- Iraq Pipeline through Saudi Arabia (IPSA)
- This line has been closed since 1991. There are no plans to reopen this line.**



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